OSCAR WILDE'S "TAFFY"

PLEASED WITH HIS RECEPTION.

He Says Chicago Women Are Beautiful—He Is Delighted with His Audience's Personal Appearance—A Contrast with Baltimore and New York in Estheticism—But He "Cawn't" Consent to Marry Her.

"What do I think of Chicago?" repeated Mr. Oscar Wilde to a MORNING NEWS reporter yesterday. "I think it a charming city, full of intelligent, appreciative people; and your promise of a fine audience on Monday evening was more than fulfilled."

"You have also been granted a glimpse of Chicago social life, have you not?"

"More than a glimpse, sir, much more than a glimpse—a real experience, as it were, and one I shall remember very gratefully. Sorry you were not present. The assembled friends discussed the decorative in art very intelligently, and quite agreed with me on all essential points, indeed, the home I had the pleasure of entering contains some elaborate specimens of advanced art."

"Do you think there is any hope for Chicago in the decorative in art line?"

"Oh, yes," and Mr. Wilde smiled. Continuing, he said: "I need scarcely repeat that I may be called a rebel in art, and, strange as it may seem, I find everywhere intelligent people who are also rebels on the same subject, and need only a little encouragement to give expression to their views. And this thing will grow, and those who to-day sneer at any departure from beaten paths and musty rules, will to-morrow be among the foremost to adopt and nurture advanced views on the subject."

"How will Chicago compare with New York and Boston in art matters from your standpoint?"

"More favorably than you could induce a New York or Boston man to believe, probably. Of course, these two cities have advantages over Chicago in such matters, but your people here are much more appreciative, and more ready to see and take up a good thing. The tinsel and shabby nothingness of Europe seem so have no place in Chicago, while in the Atlantic cities mediocrity people accept them as facts—as solid realities. I have been shown works of art in Chicago, by local artists, fit to grace a grand salon in Paris, and what is better, your people know it."

"Is decorative art likely to be accepted by all classes?"

"Very likely, especially when classes come to realize the fact that it costs no more to have beautiful things than to have ugly substitutes. Why should it not be so? Surely it does not require stupendous inducements to make people take old mine diamonds in place of French paste stones."

"How did your audience impress you?"

"Magnificently. I never remember having gazed upon an audience more handsomely and harmoniously dressed, and I am quite positive I never saw at one time so many elegant figures and handsome faces. The other morning when you called I said Baltimore impressed me as the city of beautiful women, but I am now convinced Chicago is quite equal to that place. Ah, sir, why should not the beautiful in art be Irish among so many beautiful people? Don't you find it quite a treat to reside in Chicago?"

"Well, ye. Why don't you come here yourself, get married, and settle down to the enjoyment of all these beautiful things?"

"Ah, my dear fellow, I can't, you know. I have my life work before me, and must devote my entire time and attention to it."

"One of these beautiful Chicago ladies might help you along, you know."

"It is useless for me to think of such a thing, much as I would like it. I may say it is far beyond the realm of possibilities." I leave Chicago to-day, very grateful to its good people for their kindly reception."

Mr. Wilde departed at 5 o'clock for Fort Wayne, where he will discuss the beautiful in decorative art this evening.

Ave Imperatrix.

The following poem was written and presented to Mr. A. H. Haskins, of the Grand Pacific hotel, by Mr. Oscar Wilde, just before his departure yesterday, for Fort Wayne:

"The strong sea-lion of England's wars
Lies lifeless on the sand,
To battle with the storm that roars
O'er Britain's dismay.

"And many an Afghan chief, who lies
Cold as the cold pomegranate tree,
Clutches his sword in fierce surprise
When on the mountains he sees

"The fleet foot Marri scout, who comes
To tell how his hand is fled afar
The measured tolt of Ghuznis drums
Beat at the gates of Candahar."

THE HINSDALE MYSTERY.

Mr. Skeer Shows that Mr. Ransom Could Not Have Killed Himself.

Yesterday's developments in the Lake Ransom case were not particularly startling. During the afternoon, Dr. Fitch received a dispatch from Hinsdale, signed by Dr. Merrick, stating that parties in Hinsdale were ready to testify that on Friday night two strange men were seen leaving the 7.17 train at Hinsdale, each taking up a position on opposite sides of the train, and here the information ceases. What became of the men, whether or not they were seen again, remains unsolved. The dispatch was immediately taken to the central station detectives.

The amount of insurance on Mr. Ransom's life is now claimed to be only $10,200, but nothing definite is known about it. The house in Hinsdale has been searched thoroughly, but no private papers found, and it is surmised the insurance policies and other important papers are locked up in Mr. Ransom's box at the First National bank, and until an administrator is appointed it is claimed the box cannot be opened. Mr. E. B. Sherman, the well-known attorney, and a life-long acquaintance and friend of Mr. Ransom, was chosen by Mrs. Ransom to look after her husband's affairs, but Mr. Sherman is at present too ill for the transaction of business, and may not be able to attend to the affairs for two weeks. Mrs Ransom has not decided as to whether or not she will await that time. Mr. Ransom's father arrived yesterday from New Mexico, and is now with his wife at the late home of Lake Ransom, in Hinsdale. Richard Ransom, brother of the deceased, will arrive home from New Mexico this morning, and it is expected he can throw some light on the identity of Thompson and the M. concerned in the Sherman house mysterious letter. The friends of the dead man last night telegraphed the following inquiry to the Denver, Col., papers:

"If M., who invited Mr. Ransom to meet Thompson at the Sherman house on Friday night, be an honest man, not concerned in Mr. Ransom's death, will he not please come forward and make himself known?"

Mrs. Dr. Fitch, sister of the dead man, states positively that the gold watch presented to Mr. Ransom by the employes of D. M. Osborne & Co. was inscribed on the inner case, but the precise wording of the inscription has escaped her memory. This statement effectually clears away the uncertainty heretofore existing as to whether or not the watch-cases were inscribed. Mrs. Fitch further states that she is ready to accept the fact of her brother's death by suicide if it is duly proved. All she wants is the truth of the case, whatever it may be.

The post-mortem examination of the body of Lake Ransom, found dead at Hinsdale, Saturday morning last, was conducted by Dr. J. D. Skeer, of 681 West Washington street, this city. The doctor's published card yesterday morning expressed surprise at the suicidal clause inserted in the coroner's verdict, and last evening he gave a MORNING NEWS reporter additional facts relating to the autopsy.

"What experience have you had with gun-shot wounds?" asked the reporter.

"You may judge for yourself, when I tell you I went away from Chicago in 1861 with the 16th regiment, Illinois volunteers, as surgeon, and served during four years of the war, part of the time in charge of the Nashville, Tenn., hospital. I imagine I know something about gun-shot wounds. I didn't have an opportunity to say what I desired in my card."

"What additional statement do you wish to make?"

"I would say that the pistol ball entered the left side of the head, and that if Mr. Ransom inflicted the wound, it was with his left hand, which would have been a very unusual thing for a right-handed man to do."

"Are you positive the fractures of the skull were produced by the pistol ball?"

"No. One of the fractures may have been caused by falling on the sidewalk, and I am constrained to think it was that, or a blow inflicted by a murderer after the pistol-shot wound had been made."

"Why do you think the fracturing blow was given *after* the shot?"

"For the reason that the brain had pressed out through the skull from the pistol-shot wound and was scattered on the sidewalk and on the man's hair. This could not have happened simply from the force of the ball. It would be an impossibility."

"Did you find any other wound on the body?"

"No. But if there had been a wound on the left side it would have been obliterated by the fire. Evidently there was no penetration of a missile into the abdomen or thorax at that point, because I dissected down the cooked flesh between the ribs to the pluna, and then examined it carefully from the inside. The lower lobe of the left lung was cooked, and a portion of the colon descending was burned."

"In your opinion, was the fire caused by burning powder?"

"No, sir. I hold that there was not combustible material enough alone in Mr. Ransom's linen shirt to have burnt up his wool clothing—his vest, undercoat, overcoat, undershirt, and part of his drawers and suspenders."

"What then?"

"Additional combustible material *must* have been used—perhaps a ball of cotton saturated in alcohol or gasoline. And it is scarcely probable Mr. Ransom did that."

"Do you see any probable grounds for the suicide theory?"

"I do not. What is more, in my opinion it would have been impossible for Mr. Ransom to inflict upon himself the wounds I saw on his person. And I furthermore fail to understand how the Coroner's jury came to look upon the case as one of even possible suicide."

It was learned late last evening that Mr. Ransom's box in the First National bank has been opened and found devoid of money.

Taken Back to Her Home.

J. Schmidt, father of one of the young girls who fled to Chicago from Cincinnati in company with a song-and-dance man, went back to his home last night with his child.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Feb. 15.—The clearings were $6,000,000. Money met a fair demand and rates were steady. Bankers are well supplied with funds, but the present unsettled condition of commercial affairs renders them cautious in regard to the character of the paper or securities taken, and, where advances are made on grain and provision collaterals, wide margins are required. New York exchange was weak, bankers being disposed to get their balances home, as they prefer to control their funds in times like the present. Sales were made between banks at 60@75c discount per $1,000. Shippers' 60 days' documentary sterling on London was quoted at 482½@482¾.

MONEY AND STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Money closed at 3 per cent. Exchange firm at 485¾@490¾. Governments closed firm: currency 6s, 127 bid; 4s coupon, 117¾ bid; 4½s do, 114¾ bid, as continued, 102¾ bid; 6s do, 103¾ bid. Pacific railroad bonds closed as follows. Union late, 117@118½, land grants, 115¾@116; sinking funds offered at 122½, Centrals, 113¾@114¾. The stock market to-day was very active, sales aggregating over 350,000 shares. There was great and general pressure to sell, under which prices declined very sharply, and closed at a net decline for the day of ½@1 per cent. The principal declines were in Wabash, Lake Shore, Denver & Rio Grande, Louisville & Nashville, Jersey Central, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Northwestern, Erie, Kansas & Texas, and Western Union.

DAILY RANGE OF STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

The following were the opening, highest, lowest, and closing prices to-day.

Stocks.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Chicago & Alton	130	130	128¾	128¾
Illinois Central	132¾	132¾	131¾	131¾
Chicago, Rock Island & Pac.	132	132	131¾	132
Chicago, Burlington & Q....	135	135	134	134
New York Central	130¾	130¾	129¾	130
Michigan Central	86¾	86¾	85¾	85¾
Lake Shore	111¾	111¾	110¾	110¾
Erie	30¾	30¾	30¾	30¾
Erie preferred	76	76	75¾	75¾
Erie 2d mortgage bonds	96¾	96¾	96	96¼
Chicago & Northwestern	133¾	133¾	132¾	132¾
Do preferred	141¾	142	141¾	142
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. P.	108¾	108¾	107	107¾
Union Pacific	117¾	118¼	116¾	116¾
Missouri Pacific	101¾	101¾	100	101¼
Central Pacific	90	90½	89	89½
Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific	34	34¼	30¾	31¾
Do preferred	61	61¾	57	58¾
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	25	25¾	22¾	23¾
Texas Pacific	45	45¼	42¾	43¼
Denver & Rio Grande	69¾	69¾	66	67¾
Delaware & Hudson	107¾	107¾	106¾	107¼
Delaware, Lackawanna & W.	125¾	125¾	125¾	125¾
New Jersey Central	93¾	94¼	92¼	92¾
Philadelphia & Reading	62¾	62¾	61¾	61¾
Manhattan Elevated	54¾	54¾	54¾	54¾
Louisville & Nashville	88¾	89	87¾	87¾
Western Union Tel. Co	89¾	89¾	87¾	88¾
Pacific Mail	43¾	43¾	41¾	41¾
Hannibal & St. Joe	94¾	94¾	94¼	94¼
Do preferred	105¾	106	103	105¾
Northern Pacific	34¾	34¾	33¾	33¾
Do preferred	73¾	73¾	72	72¾
Chicago, St. Paul & Omaha	34¾	34¾	34¾	34¾
Do preferred	100	100½	99¾	100
Ohio & Mississippi	32¾	32¾	30¾	31¾
New York, Chicago & West'n	24¾	25	24¾	25
Canada Southern	51¾	51¾	48¾	49¾
Peoria Decatur & Evansville	30¾	30¾	27¾	28¾
Lake Erie & Western	32¾	32¾	30	30
St. Louis & San Francisco	90	90	89¾	89¾
Do preferred	56	56	56	56
Mobile & Ohio	28	28	28	28
Chesapeake & Ohio	23¾	23¾	22¾	22¾
Do 1st preferred	37	37	35	35
Indiana, Bloomington & W.	43¾	43¾	41	41
Pullman Palace Car Co	135¾	135¾	135	135
Nashville & Chattanooga	74¾	75	74	74
C. C. & I. C	76¾	76¾	75¾	75¾
C. & E. I	10	10	10	10
St. Paul, Minneapolis & M.	109	109	108	109
Chicago & Atlantic	22¾	22¾	21¾	21¾
E. Tenn., Virginia & Georgia	13¾	13¾	13¼	13¾
Ohio Central	18¾	18¾	18	18¾
Mil., Lake Shore & W. p'f'd	47¾	48	47¾	48
Oregon R. W. & Nav. Co	135	135	134	134

COMMERCIAL.

The markets on change were active and excited almost beyond precedent. Values were very irregular, and lower on all leading articles. Wheat opened at yesterday's closing figures, and soon advanced 1½@1⅝c during the first hour; values fluctuated rapidly within a range of 2½c per bu, when the announcement of failures here and in St. Louis caused a panic, and, in the indiscriminate rush to sell, prices fell 7@7½c, and closed at 95c for March down to 91 bid, and 92c for April. Corn opened firm, advanced ⅛@⅜c but weakened, declined 2½c, and closed, in sympathy with wheat, about 3@3½c over the lowest prices. Oats opened firm, but ruled weak and unsettled in sympathy with other articles, and closed full ½c lower and unsettled. Mess pork opened 40c per bbl lower, rallied 25c, again weakened, and in spite of the efforts of a few bears to sustain it, declined 50@62½c per bbl, and closed at the inside figures. There was nothing in the provision situation to cause the weakness except the general distrust growing out of the decline in wheat and unsettled condition of the grain and cotton markets at other points. Lard opened lower, rallied, but again declined, and closed at a decline of 5c per 100 lbs. Short ribs sides and other meats were unsettled, weak and lower, closing at inside prices.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

The following were the receipts and shipments for the past 24 hours, and the same time last year:

Articles.	Receipts. 1882.	Receipts. 1881.	Shipments. 1882.	Shipments. 1881.
Flour, bbls	23,888	5,310	10,520	16,007
Wheat, bu	35,512	9,197	8,967	15,875
Corn, bu	181,251	22,721	144,182	62,258
Oats, bu	57,181	7,879	59,972	66,994
Rye, bu	6,151	190	1,536	1,869
Barley, bu	51,771	5,025	6,469	17,756
Grass seed, lbs	452,571	153,000	225,228	181,577
Flax seed, lbs	885,000	240,350	578,000	111,375
Broom corn, lbs	92,000	12,000	5,200	5,817
Cured meats, lbs	288,275	410,240	1,650,891	2,573,765
Pork, bbls	27		200	857
Lard, lbs	214,000	25,000	411,000	479,129
Tallow, lbs	92,000	111,200	900	4,000
Butter, lbs	148,561	62,875	170,288	73,570
Dressed hogs, No	204	427	1,851	

RECEIPTS AND EXPORTS AT NEW YORK TO-DAY.

Articles.	Receipts.	Exports.
Flour, bbls	19,172	6,031
Wheat, bu	50,000	25,000
Corn, bu	110,000	110,000
Oats, bu	10,000	20,000

TO DAY'S QUOTATIONS

FLOUR AND FEED—The demand was slack, offerings large, market weak, and prices showed a downward tendency, and in the present situation of affairs prices are merely nominal. Winter extras, $5.25@5.50; do choice do, at $6.25@6.50; fancy do $7.00@7.25; winter papers, $4.75@5.00; choice to fancy western spring extras, $5.50@6.75; low to good choice, $4.50@5.50; common to fair Minnesota extras, $5.25@5.50; good do, $5.50@6.00; choice to fancy do, $6.25@7.00; spring papers, $4.25@4.50; patents, $7.00@8.50. Rye flour—$5.25@5.50. Bran—$15.00 on track, $16.75@17.00 f. o. b. in bulk, $18.25, bags included. Middlings—Fine white, $14.00@15.00; fair to choice do at $13.00@14.00; good do, $12.00@13.00; shorts—$14.00. Corn and oats ground together—$21.00.

GRAIN—Wheat—No. 2 cash nothing doing; February $1.01¾@1.02⅛, March $1.04¾@1.05⅛, April $1.07⅝@1.08, May $1.12⅝@1.13⅛, June $1.13¾@1.14, year $1.02¾@1.03¼, closing at $1.17⅛ cash, $1.17⅜ February, $1.18¾ March, $1.19½ April, $1.22⅜ May; No. 3 spring, $1.06⅝@1.07⅛; rejected, $1.02½@1.03; no grade, $1.02½@1.02⅝; No. 2 red winter, $1.07@1.10 No. 3. Free on board—85c no grade, 89½@92½c rejected. Corn—No. 2, 56½@57c cash, 54½@56c February, 54¾@56c March, 55¾@57½c May, 59¼@59⅝c June, July, 58½c over May, closing at 57c cash, 54½@56c February, 55¾c March, 60¾c May, 59¼c June, high mixed, 57½c, new high mixed, 56@57c, new mixed, 55½@56c, rejected, 55@55½c, and closed at 57½c, asked on track at 55c no grade, 52@55c rejected, 57½@58c new white. Free on board—56½@57½c rejected, 57½@58c new mixed, 56c new high mixed, 61@63c white, 55@56c new white cars. Oats—No. 2, 40¼c cash, 39½@39¾c February, 39¾@40c March, 38¾@39c April, 42½@42¾c May, 42¾@43c June, closing at 40½@40¾c cash, 39½c February, 39c March, 39½c April, 42½c May and June, rejected, 37½c in store. Samples on track—41½@42c rejected, 42½@43½c white; 46@46½c No. 2 white. Free on board—41@42c rejected; 42½@43c white do; 45@47c No. 2 white Rye—No. 2, 82c cash, 80c March; 81c April; samples, 80@82c. Barley—No. 2, $1.01½ cash, $1.01 February and March; No. 3, 78c for full-edged, 69½c for regular cash, 75c bid April; No. 4, 63½@65c, sample on track, 71@74c No. 4, 70@80c No. 3; free on board, 86@87c No. 4, 76@87c No. 3.

GRASS SEEDS—Were quiet; feeling easier; offerings fair. Timothy—$2.65@2.70 for common to choice. Flax—$1.20@1.35, as to quality. Clover—$4.00@4.85 for poor to choice. Hungarian—75@78c Millet—75@80c for ordinary, and $1.20@1.60 for German, as to quality. Blue Joint—$1.00@1.10.

PROVISIONS—$17 17½, February and cash; $16 75@17.00, March; $17.00@17 70, April; $17.35@17 90, May, closing at the usual prices. Lard—$10.75 February, $10.40@10.42½ March, $10.55@10.57½ April, $10.70@10.72½ May, closing at $10.45 cash, $10.50@10.52½ March, $10.65@10.67½ April, $10.80@10.82½ May; short ribs sides—$9.00@9.05 cash, $8.80@9.12½ March, $9.00@9.02½ April, $9.10@9.32½ May; all loose closing at inside, boxed sold at $9.30 cash. Sweetpickled hams—Hams, 10½@10¾c, as to size and cure, the latter for fancy averaging 16 lbs; shoulders, 7@7¼c per lb.

THE CLOSING CALL MARKETS.

Wheat—Active, irregular, and stronger; $1 18¾ 1.19⅜ March, $1.19½@1.20 April, $1.22½@1.23⅛ May, $1.18¾ March, $1.19½@1.20 April, $1.22½@1.23⅛ May, $1.23¾@1.24¾ June, $1.04¾@1.04⅝ year. Corn—In good request and firmer, closing February, 54¾@55½c March, 56@56⅛c May, 59¼@59⅝c June, 61¼@61¾c July. Oats—Higher; 39½@39¾c March, 38¾@39c April, 42¾@42¾c May, 42¾@43¼c June, closing at 42¾@43c May, 43¼@43½c June. Mess pork—In good demand, and 35@40c higher; $16.95@17.07½ March, $17.25@17.45 April, $17.57½@17.62½ May—closing at $17.05@17.07½ March $17.35@17.37½ April, $17.60@17.62½ May, $17.75@17.80 June. Lard—Active, and 10@12½c higher; $10.47½@10.55 March, $10.70@10.73 April, $10.85@10.90 May, $10.95@11.00 June, closing at inside. Short ribs—Sold at $9.30 cash. Sweetpickled hams—Hams, 10½@10¾c, as to size and cure, the latter for fancy averaging 16 lbs; shoulders, 7@7¼c per lb.

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POULTRY AND EGGS—Poultry in large supply; demand fair; market easier. Dressed turkeys, 9@11c. Live chickens, 6@7c; dressed do, 7@8c. Live ducks, $3.50@3.75 per doz; dressed, 10@12c per lb. Live geese, $4.25@4.50 per doz; unfeathered, $3.50@4.50 for plucked, and 6@10c per lb for dressed. Eggs—Receipts larger; trade only local; prices lower; strictly fresh, 17@18c per doz.

DAIRY PRODUCTS—Butter in small supply, good demand, and firm, all offerings of fine being taken on arrival. Choice to fancy creamery, 37@42c; fair to good do, 34@36c; good to choice dairy, 32@36c, as mixed to fair do, 28@32c; inferior packed, 24@26c. Receipts of stock, 1,887 packages; 10@11c; roll, 23@27c. Cheese—Part skimmed dull and weak, stock increasing; full cream steady. Fair to choice full-cream cheddars, 10@13½c per lb; prime to fancy do, 13½@14c; part skims, 5@6c.

POTATOES—Choice firm; receipts moderate; demand fair. Good to choice western early rose, in car lots, $1.40@1.50 per bu, choice eastern do, $1.40@1.45; fair to choice peachblows, per bu 10@15c; choice to fancy Burbanks, $1.00@1.05; fair to good peerless, 80@$1.00, small sales from store at $1.05@1.25 per bu, for good to choice.

FRUITS—Apples dull; supply good Oranges steady; receipts ample. Apples—Choice apples, $3.50@4.75 per bbl; cranberries, $9.00@11.00 per bbl; lemons, $4.00@5.00 per box, Jamaica oranges, $5.00@7.00 per bbl; Messina oranges, $2.50@3.50 per box; Valencia oranges, in cases, $4.50@5.00, Mediterranean sweets, $4.00@4.50. Dried fruits—In fair request from consumers; offerings liberal; prices steady. Apples—Prime eastern quarters, 6½@6¾c; sliced do, 6@6½c; southern quarters, 4½@5c; sliced do, 5@5½c. Peaches, halves, peeled, 10@20c; blackberries, 13@c, raspberries, 27@28c; pitted cherries, 18@20c, raisins, layers, $2.75 per box; London layers, $3.00 per box; Valencia, 11@12c; prunes, 7c; currants, 6½c.

HAY—Common dull; supply large; choice in fair demand. No. 1 timothy, $12.50@16.50, No. 2 do, $11.00@11.50; mixed do, $9.00@10.00, upland prairie at $8.00@10.50; No. 1 prairie, $9.50@7.50; No. 2, $5.75@9.50 per ton.

GROCERIES—Sugars—In fair supply; demand liberal; cut-loaf, 10c; powdered, 10c; granulated, 9¾c, standard A, 9½c; "off A," 8¾c; yellow, 7½@8c. Coffee—In good supply; trade moderate; Rios, 13½@13¾c; prime to choice do, 12@12¾c; fair to good do, 9½@11¾c; roasting do, 9½@10c; O. G. Java, 19½@27½c; Singapore Java, 17@18½c; Mocha, 28½@30c. Oils—Sold fairly; carbons, 14½@15c; 150 test, 10½@11c; do prime white, 12½@12c; do headlight, 13¼c; turpentine, 56c; raw linseed, 60@62c; boiled do, 63@65c; machine, 30@45c; miners, 540@56c. Fish—Firm, inquiry good; stocks moderate; Whitefish, in kits, $1.50@2.75; family do, $4.25@4.50; trout, half-bris, $5.25@5.50; Georgie's cod, $6.00@6.25 per 100 lbs; mackerel, family, half-bris, $5.00@5.25; California salmon, half-bris, $8.75@9.00.

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SHEEP—The market was active and steady at $3.00@3.25 for common; $3.35@4.00 for fair to medium; $4 25@5.25 for good to choice; fancy would bring $5.75@6.00 per 100 lbs.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Flour—Heavy and lower; Minnesota extras, $4.50@5.75; city do, $5.75@7.00; southern flour in buyer's favor, and in moderate demand, common to choice extra, $5.40@8.00. Wheat—Opened heavy, excited, and lower, but closed firm at partial decline; No. 2 red, $1.33¾@1.39½; do March, $1.32¾@1.33¾; do April, $1.34⅝@1.37⅜, do May, $1.34@1.36⅝. Corn—Heavy, lower, and unsettled; unграded mixed, 62@68c; steamer mixed, 64@65c, No. 2 mixed, March, 63¾@67½c; do April, 67¾@68¾. Oats—Cash, higher; options lower; No. 1 white, 51¾c; No. 2 do, 48¾@49¾c; mixed western, 47@48c, No. 2 mixed February, 48c, do March, 48½c, Rye—Dull at 88@95c. Barley—Steady; No. 2 Canada, 1.0c. Pork—Dull; spot, new mess, $17.00@18.00. Lard—Unsettled, depressed, and lower; $10.85 cash, $10.90 March. Whisky—Nominal. Petroleum—Market dull and unchanged; united, 85¾c; crude in barrels, 6¾@6¾; refined in barrels, 7¾c.

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DAIRY PRODUCTS—Butter in small supply, good demand, and firm, all offerings of fine being taken on arrival. Choice to fancy creamery, 37@42c; fair to good do, 34@36c; good to choice dairy, 32@36c, as mixed to fair do, 28@32c; inferior packed, 24@26c. Receipts of stock, 1,887 packages; 10@11c; roll, 23@27c. Cheese—Part skimmed dull and weak, stock increasing; full cream steady. Fair to choice full-cream cheddars, 10@13½c per lb; prime to fancy do, 13½@14c; part skims, 5@6c.

POTATOES—Choice firm; receipts moderate; demand fair. Good to choice western early rose, in car lots, $1.40@1.50 per bu, choice eastern do, $1.40@1.45; fair to choice peachblows, per bu 10@15c; choice to fancy Burbanks, $1.00@1.05; fair to good peerless, 80@$1.00, small sales from store at $1.05@1.25 per bu, for good to choice.

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